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## HYDE SKIPS OUT WOMAN IN CASE

New Sensation Develops in Cotton Report Leak Scandal.

### IS GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON

Resignation of Mrs. Burch From Department Brings on Talk-Was Hyde's Private Secretary.

A Washington special says: It is unfair to say, as some papers are doing, that any officials of the department of agriculture have accused former Statistician John Hyde of complicity with the recently unearthed departmental frauds. At the same time, however, the prevailing impression in the department is one of surprise and regret the Mr. Hyde should have gone away practically between two suns without letting Secretary Wilson or Assistant Secretary Hays know of his plans. He was expected to remain in the city until the grand jury could have an opportunity to hear him and his going has in a degree crippled the government in its efforts to bring the real culprits to justice.

His action has, in a measure, destroyed departmental confidence in him. It is not yet time to say the department thinks him a party to the frauds, but the officials do think that he should have been brave enough to remain at home and stand the racket whatever it might have been. His failure to do this was a great disappointment to his Washington friends, official and otherwise. No accusations have been brought against him beyond the fact that his methods were sufficiently loose as to make the work of the real culprits easier than it should have been.

The suspicion exists in some quarters that he probably would not have gone had he been satisfied that he could run the gauntlet of the grand jury inquiry without harm. His departmental friends say that his natural timidity, which is rank cowardice at times, has controlled him in this case, and that his going away is not an evidence of guilt.

Meanwhile, inquiry now under way by Professor Hays, and the grand jury will probe a little deeper into Hyde's personal case than otherwise they would have done.

The principal topic of conversation in Washington is the resignation of Mrs. Bertha Burch, formerly private secretary to Mr. Hyde. Even the refusal of Beckham and Haas to testify before the grand jury Thursday afternoon and probability of summary treatment of them unless they change their minds does not appear to be so interesting to the Washington people.

Mrs. Burch is the woman who has been frequently referred to in connection with predictions that she would either be dismissed or forced to resign. In view of some of the stories that are going the rounds, it is believed by some that Secretary Wilson was unduly lenient in permitting her resignation, instead of incontinently discharging her.

Mrs. Burch, it is claimed, had a thorough knowledge of the intricate work of the bureau of statistics and since August 20, 1900, when she entered the classified service as a stenographer and statistical clerk, has been one of the most trusted employees in the bureau under the supervision of John Hyde. It has been declared by many employees at the department that Mrs. Burch had unusual influence with Mr. Hyde and that so far as the affairs of the bureau were concerned, she was called "the power behind the throne."

In the departmental blue book for 1903 the name of Mrs. Bertha Burch is entered as a "complier" in the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture. Mrs. Burch avers that her position was that of private secretary to Mr. Hyde.

## RAWLINGS SENTENCED.

Gallows for the Old Man, Milton and Jesse and Life Term for Leonard. Negro Preacher Convicted.

At Valdosta, Ga., Monday night, at 8:45, Judge R. G. Mitchell passed sentences on J. G. Rawlings and his three sons, Milton, Jesse and Leonard. The scene was one of the most touching and dramatic ever witnessed in a court in Valdosta.

Judge Mitchell was brief in his remarks during the passing of the sentences. They were very touching, but fell with force on the ears of the large crowd packed into the court house. The first three were sentenced to be hanged September 15, and Leonard was sentenced to life imprisonment. When the elder Rawlings was asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he arose and said:

"I have a conscience that stands correct. You can no more pluck it than you can the brightness of the sun. Your sentence can do no more than kill. Pass it."

Milton received the sentence stoically and never opened his mouth. Jesse and Leonard burst into tears, and both of them said: "I am innocent."

Mrs. Rawlings and her two daughters were present, and on them the blow fell with crushing force, all of them weeping bitterly.

The jury in the case of Frank Turner, the colored preacher, brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy at a quarter after 8 o'clock, and the sentences on the Rawlings were passed immediately after on request of their council, Hon. John R. Cooper. Mr. Cooper immediately moved for a new trial, which motion will be heard on August 9.

The prosecution put up many witnesses. W. L. Carter and his wife and daughter were the first. They testified to the facts of the murder, giving the same testimony which they had given during the other trials.

Alf Moore, convicted as one of the principals in the assassinations, was sworn, and said that Turner had gone to him with a proposition to kill the Carters, saying that Rawlings wanted to hire a man to do the work and would give him (Moore) \$100 if he would do it.

Mitch Johnson, colored, swore that Turner told him that Rawlings would give him \$125 to kill Carter and his family.

The defense put up no witnesses, and had Turner go on the stand and make a statement. He denied any connection in the matter and said while he had worked for Rawlings, and knew of his troubles with Carter, he had endeavored always to keep clear of any connection with the troubles of the white people. He told the jury that he was in their hands, that he had done what he could to establish his innocence and told them to do with him as they thought right.

Alf Moore and Frank Turner will be sentenced and the special term of the court will be permanently adjourned.

### FEVER SITUATION MORE HOPEFUL.

Officials at New Orleans Expect to Have Upper Hand at End of Week.

By the end of the present week, the authorities in charge of the fever situation at New Orleans believe that they will be in such thorough touch with conditions that they will be able to speak with authority as to their ability to control and eradicate the disease in advance of the coming frost.

New cases up to 6 p. m., Monday, were 21; new cases to date, 302; deaths on Monday, 5.

### MANY WARRANTS AGAINST HOCH.

Other Cities Want "Bluebeard" Should He Escape Justice in Chicago.

With the possibility of Johan Hoch securing a retrial in Chicago, and an acquittal on the charge of murdering one of his wives, the authorities of Cincinnati and St. Louis have been in communication with the state's attorney relative to the crimes of bigamy and the murder that Hoch is said to have committed in those cities.

## WILSON'S SCALP BEING SOUGHT

But President Will Not Think of Firing Agricultural Secretary.

### SUGGESTION DEPRECATED

Peters Disagrees With Jordan That Wilson's Resignation is Absolutely Necessary.

A Washington special says: The fact heretofore alluded to in these dispatches that cotton producers of the south are by no means a unit in demanding the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and the abolition of the bureau of statistics because of the recently discovered scandal, has been shown in a most conclusive manner. Monday's papers printed a dispatch from Atlanta, in which President Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association was quoted as saying, among other things, that Mr. Wilson's resignation was absolutely necessary in order to inspire new confidence in the department. During the day, E. S. Peters of Calvert, Texas, who has for some time been president of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association and is in addition a vice president of the Southern Cotton Association, sent the following telegram to Secretary Wilson at Oyster Bay:

"In reference to the interview of President Jordan, I would say I cannot endorse the same. The farmers and cotton growers of the south have implicit confidence in your honesty and ability to purge the department of all grafters, and hope the president will left nothing to interfere with the great work you are now doing for them."

"The Southern Cotton Association has taken no action looking to a request for Secretary Wilson's resignation," said Colonel Peters, in discussing his telegram.

"President Jordan may be expressing his personal ideas, and I may now be expressing only mine, but the executive committee of the association has never considered a request for the resignation of Secretary Wilson. I am assured that the farmers and cotton growers of the section west of the Mississippi will never listen to such a proposition. In our opinion Secretary Wilson is the only secretary we have ever had."

"The tremendous influence of the bureau of plant industry and entomology, with which I am particularly conversant, is entirely his work. That work has meant millions to the south. I must take issue with Mr. Jordan. It is possible the confidence of the secretary has been abused, but there is no reason to believe that the intelligent citizens of the south will confuse the cupidty of under officials and their abuse of the department with the reputation of Mr. Wilson. He has our confidence, and to charge him with incompetency or to assert that his days of usefulness are over, is an unwarranted charge."

### A SENSATIONAL FAKE PERPETRATED.

Widespread Report That Mrs. Sanford Had Skipped Out Was Untrue.

A rumor was started in Rome, Ga., Monday morning to the effect that Mrs. V. T. Sanford had left the city for parts unknown. The story soon spread, and was all the talk of the town.

Mrs. Sanford's attorney pronounced the whole thing a fake, and declared that he knew just where Mrs. Sanford was; that she left on purely private business, with his full knowledge and consent; that she was with friends within a few miles of Rome, and would return to the city.

### Colapse of Big Sugar Firm.

Owing to the failure of a big speculator to meet engagements said to amount to \$3,000,000 two of the leading sugar houses in Paris have suspended payments.

### TRADE JOURNAL EDITORS MEET.

Convene in Atlanta and Organize for Purpose of Booming the South.

An important meeting which means much to the entire south was held in Atlanta Saturday when editors and proprietors of the leading trade journals gathered to perfect an organization for the purpose of upbuilding the south.

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4:32p		Holtz	8:15a	12:55a
5:25p	10:05p	Milton	7:39a	11:58a
5:32p		Gait City	7:35a	11:50p
5:43p		Harp		11:39p
5:48p	10:19p	Mulat	7:25a	11:35p
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